

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	Allen Carl. et al.	EXAMINER:	David C. Comstock
U.S.S.N.:	10/601,014	GROUP:	3733
FILED:	June 20, 2003	Conf. No.	7152
FOR:	SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)		

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**EXAMINING GROUP 3733  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2009, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a three (3) month extension of time to November 16, 2009, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for such an extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition was inadvertently overlooked. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.